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'Confession' In Sheppard Case 'False'

Cleveland Homicide Detective Patrick L. Gareau returned today from Trenton, N. J., convinced that a prisoner held there had no connection with the July 4 murder of Mrs. Marilyn Sheppard in Bay Village.

Gareau reported to Detective Inspector James E. McArthur that the New Jersey prisoner, Billy O. Williams, had made a false "confession" to the crime to escape extradition to Florida for kidnaping, and had no real knowledge of the Cleveland case.

Meanwhile, McArthur said he was investigating a story told by 17-year-old Miles Davis, 375 Kenilworth Rd., Bay Village, that he had been assaulted in his home

by a prowler.

Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, accused of the murder of his wife,

has said repeatedly a prowler killed his wife and injured him in a fight afterwards.